

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
BELKNAP COUNTY



For the Year Ending December 31
1954

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
COMMISSIONERS
of the
COUNTY OF BELKNAP
together with the

Reports of the Superintendent of the County Home
Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Chaplain
Clerk of the Court, County Solicitor
and Auditors

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1954

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COUNTY OFFICERS**COMMISSIONERS**

JOSEPH F. SMITH	MEREDITH
WALTER A. WOODWARD	LACONIA
MAURICE W. SAWYER	GILFORD

SOLICITOR

THOMAS P. CHENEY	LACONIA
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TREASURER

BYRON O. PARKER	LACONIA
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SHERIFF

HOMER L. CROCKETT	BELMONT
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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

HARRY E. TRAPP	LACONIA
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JUDGE OF PROBATE

CARROLL W. STAFFORD	LACONIA
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REGISTER OF PROBATE

RICHARD G. TILTON	LACONIA
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DEPUTY REGISTER OF PROBATE

DOROTHEA R. CONLY	LACONIA
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

CHARLES P. RAYMOND	LACONIA
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DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

DOROTHEA E. HILLIARD	LACONIA
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AUDITORS

DANA S. BEANE	LACONIA
J. CLINTON ROPER	MEREDITH

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

LOUIS ATHANAS	LACONIA
CHESTER C. BICKFORD	MEREDITH
RODNEY S. CROCKETT	BELMONT
GEORGE H. GAULT	TILTON
FREDERICK W. PERKINS	ALTON
WILLIAM WALLACE	NEW HAMPTON
SYLVIO J. MORIN	GILFORD

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME
AND JAILER**

JOHN A. PICKARD	TILTON
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MATRON

MRS. INA A. PICKARD	TILTON
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CHAPLAIN

REV. THOMAS J. CATE	LACONIA
REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON	LACONIA

MEDICAL REFEREE

EARL W. GAGE, M.D.	LACONIA
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Members of the Belnap County Delegation

1954

ALTON	Frederick W. Perkins, Ch.
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
BELMONT	Charles W. Roeder
CENTER HARBOR	Clarence E. Nichols
GILFORD	Edith B. Gardner
GILMANTON	William W. Robertson
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Myron B. Hart Deloria L. Stafford
Ward 2	Aime H. Morin Alfred W. Simoneau
Ward 3	Elmer S. Tilton
Ward 4	Peter S. Karagianis
Ward 5	Henry I. Burbank Dave O'Shan
Ward 6	John F. Brown G. Walter Varrell
MEREDITH	Joseph F. Smith Walter D. Kipp
NEW HAMPTON	Archibald H. Mathews
SANBORNTON	Marion H. Atwood, Cl.
TILTON	Warren F. Metcalf

RECORDS OF COUNTY DELEGATION

LACONIA, N. H.—FEBRUARY 5, 1954

A public hearing on the 1954 budgets of Belknap County and the Recreation Area was called to order at 8 p.m. by Chairman Frederick Perkins in the County Court House. Present were Representatives Perkins, McAllister, Gardner, Robertson, Nichols, Kipp, Smith, Metcalf, Matthews, Hart, Morin, Tilton, Burbank, Varrell, Simoneau and Atwood. The three county commissioners, Mrs. Hayner, Welfare worker, and Mr. Baer, Area manager, were present.

Chairman Perkins read the county budget. Leon Flanders commented on the amount asked in "Soldiers Aid" being much larger than the amount actually spent last year.

Arthur Nighswander spoke for the lawyers in regard to the amount requested to set up a Law library, the project will be of service to the public and assist the lawyers in preparing cases.

Charles Dunleavy spoke in favor of the county contributing one half the cost of an Alco Meter which would be used for all County Courts. Co. Sol. Thomas Cheney joined Mr. Dunleavy in support of the request.

Norman Hubbard asked for information on the item of "New Construction for the County Home." The Commissioners explained that this included equipment for the Infirmary. The cost of supplies was questioned by several members of the delegation.

Chairman Perkins read the Area budget. Manager Baer was called upon to explain the benefits to be expected from the installation of a T-Bar. He compared the amounts spent by the State at Sunapee (\$150,000) and Cannon Mt. (\$350,000) with the amount asked for Belknap Area (\$50,000) Slope preparation has been 90% completed so the money needed is for equipment. Speaking in favor of the T-Bar were James P. Rogers, Jack Sawyer of Gilford, President of the Laconia C. of C., Burt Hurt of Sanbornton, Arthur Rothafel and Gus Pitou of Gilford, Julian Grow and Paul Binnette of The Weirs, John Gauthier of the Winnepesaukee Ski Club, Whitman Ide, Arthur Nighswander, Ralph Smith, Mayor Morin, William Davis and Haven Flanders of Laconia, Mrs. Clarence Nichols of Center Harbor, Ernest Libby of Meredith and Robert Cate of Barnstead asked questions pertaining to the value of the Area to the county as a whole. Norman Hubbard and Leon Flanders spoke of the desirability of the Area being managed as a separate

part of county property. Robert Tilton explained the set-up as provided in legislation passed in 1953.

Hearing closed at 10:00 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by

F. W. PERKINS,

Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—FEBRUARY 9, 1954

The Executive Committee met at the Commissioners office and were called to order by Chairman Matthews at 2:30 p.m. Present were Representatives Matthews, Tilton, Simoneau, Hart, Metcalf, Perkins and Atwood, also the three commissioners.

The budget figures, both for the county and the Recreation Area, were discussed at some length. From the information given by manager Baer on the operation of the Ski shop and school, it was decided to recommend a figure of \$10,000 for this item rather than the \$9,000 asked. Mr. Baer spoke of the need of a small pick-up truck and it was stated that one would be secured at a discount, if bought at once. Rep. Metcalf moved and it was duly seconded that the executive committee recommend to the delegation that \$1,275 be added to the Area budget for the purchase of a truck. It was so voted.

It was voted to recommend to the delegation the following changes in the budget as presented by the commissioners:

Delegation expense	\$400.00 to	\$500.00
Extension Service	9,125.00 to	9,300.00
County Home and Jail (New const. and equip.)	9,300.00 to	8,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	6,000.00 to	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00 to	13,000.00
County Home	70,000.00 to	69,000.00

It was voted to hold the annual meeting of the delegation at the County Home on February 23.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by

F. W. PERKINS,

Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—FEBRUARY 23, 1954

The Executive Committee met at the County Home at 11 a.m., called to order by Chairman Matthews. Present were Representatives Matthews, Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf, Perkins and Atwood.

The changes made in the 1954 budget were discussed. It was voted to recommend to the delegation at its afternoon meeting that the total budget for 1954 be \$186,986.75 with an income of \$50,224.19, making the mount to be raised by taxation \$136,762.56.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that the executive committee recommend to the delegation that \$50,000 be raised for the installation of a T-Bar at the Area, this to be raised by long term notes or bonds payable over a term of 10 years from Area revenue.

It was voted to recommend to the delegation that the clerk receive \$10 and mileage for each meeting attended.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

After an inspection of the changes in the infirmary and home, Supt. and Mrs. Pickard served a delicious dinner to the delegation and guests. Present were Senator Otto Keller, Rev. Thomas Cate, Rev. Fr. Vachon, Co. Solicitor Cheney, Bookkeeper Harold Aiken, F. Baer, Mr. Anderson of the Union Leader, Mr. Smith of the Evening Citizen, Commissioners Sawyer and Smith and Representatives Perkins, Tilton, Roeder, Metcalf, McAllister, Robertson, Gardner, Simoneau, Karagianis, Stafford, Morin, Nichols, Varrell, Burbank, Kipp, Smith, Matthews and Atwood.

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. He read the budget with the recommendations of the executive committee. Questions were asked which Mr. Perkins and the commissioners answered. Rep. Karagianis expressed his opinion that the matter of merging county operations with other counties should be studied.

The Area budget was discussed with Manager Baer answering questions. It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that a letter of thanks be written to Supt. and Mrs. John Pickard for the excellent work they are doing at the County Home. It was so voted. It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that a letter of appreciation be sent to Manager Fritzie Baer.

It was so voted.

The delegation expressed their regret at the death of a member, Rep. Oscar Hoyt.

In the executive session the business of the day was taken up. It was moved by Rep. Robertson and duly seconded that the budget as presented by the Executive Committee be approved and that the sum of \$186,986.75 be appropriated for the county for 1954 with \$136,762.56 to be raised by taxation. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that the action of the Executive Committee in authorizing the purchase of a truck for \$1,275.00 be approved. It was so voted. It was moved by Rep. Varrell and duly seconded that the Area budget as presented by the Executive Committee be approved for \$90,516.00. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the clerk be paid \$10 per meeting be adopted. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Gardner and duly seconded that the County Commissioners be authorized to borrow not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) on the credit of the County of Belknap by bonds or long term notes, said loan to be repaid in annual installments of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) plus interest, and said loan is to be repaid within ten years, and the money raised by said loan shall be applied to the purchase and installation of a T-Bar lift at the Belknap County Recreation Area.

The clerk called the roll and the eighteen members of the delegation present voted in the affirmative. The chairman declared the motion unanimously adopted.

A letter sent to the delegation last summer in regard to the future use or purchase of the county beach on Lake Winnisquam by the city of Laconia was read. It was voted to lay the matter on the table.

Voted to adjourn at 3 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—May 25, 1954

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called for by the County Commissioners, and was held at the Court House, called to order by Chairman Matthews at 3 p.m. Present were Representatives Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf, Matthews and Atwood, as well as the three Commissioners.

Chr. Joseph Smith of the commissioners explained about the damage to the dam at the Recreation Area. This was washed out

recently, and it was felt that it was necessary to rebuild it for several reasons, the chief one being for fire protection. The Water Resources Board has been consulted, and had consented to give engineering advice as well as some supervision for the work. Mr. Frost of that department had said that specifications could be ready to place out for bids this week. His estimation of the cost of the job was between five and six thousand dollars.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf, and seconded by Rep. Simoneau that the Executive Committee approve the action of the Commissioners in rebuilding the dam. It was so voted.

Manager Baer reported on events held at the Area.

Mr. Bernard Snierson appeared in reference to buying some lots next to the shore lot he now owns. His proposition was to buy as much land as the county would sell, if a price could be arranged that was mutually satisfactory. He would develop it and was willing to take all the shore property as far as the State School line.

It was voted that Mr. Snierson and the Commissioners look over the situation, after which Mr. Snierson could present an offer for the land at the next Executive Committee meeting on July 6. No action could be taken except by the delegation as a whole.

Mr. Arnold O'Mara appeared at the request of Mayor Morin to discuss the road situation on the shore property already sold by the county. He stated that the city felt that the county should proceed like any other developer of land by providing a rough-graded road to the lots which were sold. Mr. O'Mara was asked to present a rough estimate of the cost of such a project to the next meeting of this committee.

The county budget was reviewed but no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—JULY 6, 1954

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Commissioners' office in the County Court House, called to order by Chairman, A. Matthews at 2:15 p.m. Present were Representatives Tilton, Simoneau, Hart, Metcalf, Matthews and Atwood. The Commissioners and Mr. Baer, manager of the Area, were also present.

The Recreation Area budget was reviewed first. Mr. Baer reported that the dam would be finished in about two weeks, and that the Ski Tow was being worked upon. He estimated that there was a profit of about \$5,000.00 on the recent motorcycle

meet. In the discussion of the Area figures, it was requested of Mr. Baer that future statements be made up to conform to the Budget adopted by the delegation, in order that it may be more easily understood.

The Commissioners reported that the contract price for the new T-Bar was \$45,900.00 with the E. J. Constam Co. Oliver Barnes gave a figure of \$4,275.00 for restoring the dam.

The county budget was reviewed. In answer to questioning, Com. Smith stated that the boilers were inspected this week and were satisfactory. One of the boilers needs a new brick work base.

The Snierson offer for lots was discussed briefly. Mr. Snierson did not appear with an offer, but would meet the Commissioners this week, Friday.

It was decided to have the next meeting of the committee at 2 p.m. on October 6, if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—October 15, 1954

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Matthews at the Court House, at 2 p.m. Present were Representatives Tilton, Metcalf, Simoneau, Matthews and Atwood, as well as the three commissioners.

Mr. Bernard Snierson was present to discuss the purchase of shore lots adjoining his property on the Winnisquam shore. He had gone over this territory with the commissioners, and they agreed that the two lots next to his were not of great value except as protection to his present lot. He had them surveyed at his own expense, and the price on the lots, agreeable to both the commissioners and Mr. Snierson, was stated as \$2,500.00 for both. He had another proposition which included all the county shore property from his lot to the State School line, and 600 feet back from the shore line. He discussed this, but stated that a price on this had not been arrived at by both parties. He would develop the land for residential use rather than summer property, if he purchased it.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton and seconded by Rep. Simoneau that the Executive Committee recommend to the delegation that they accept the proposal of the commissioners to sell to Mr. Bernard Snierson two lots adjoining his present lot for a price of \$2,500.00 if Mr. Snierson would pay the cost of the delegation meeting necessary to take this action, the sum paid by Mr. Snierson not to exceed \$100.00. It was so voted.

Mr. Snierson, who had retired before this vote was taken, was notified of the vote and accepted the conditions.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton and seconded by Rep. Simoneau that the County Commissioners request the Chairman of the delegation to call a meeting of that group for November 4 at 7:30, to act on the matter of selling lots. It was so voted.

The County expense sheet was gone over. The County Home will show an overdraft as proper allowance was not made in setting up the budget for the income which has been received from the state on O.A.A. Com. Smith stated that the extra revenue will be more than the overdraft in this department.

It was recommended to the Commissioners that in making up next year's budget, the cost of operating the county farm and the county hospital be made separate items.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—NOVEMBER 9, 1954

A meeting of the delegation, called at the request of the County Commissioners to consider authorizing them to survey and sell county property, was held at the Court House. In the absence of the chairman, the meeting was opened by the chairman of the Executive Committee, Representative A. Matthews, at 7:45 p.m. Present were Representatives Matthews, Hart, Tilton, Morin, Varrell, Metcalf, Karagianis, Stafford, Gardner, Simoneau, Smith, Burbank, McAllister, Robertson, and Atwood. Attending were the three commissioners and Miss Ebba Janson of the Laconia Evening Citizen.

Rep. Matthews read the call of the meeting, and called on Rep. Smith, who is also chairman of the commissioners, to explain the situation. He described the proposition given to the executive committee at their meeting on October 15. Com. Woodward further explained the lay-out of the lots which have not been surveyed. A discussion ensued.

It was moved by Rep. Hart, and seconded by Rep. Robertson that The Belknap County Convention authorize the Belknap County Commissioners to execute a deed to Bernard I. Snierson Esq., or his assigns, to County Farm property immediately north of Lot No. 32, which lies between the road and lake, and is measured two hundred feet northerly of Lot No. 32, on the road to a line at right angles thereto, and as shown on survey to be paid for by Bernard I. Snierson Esq., in exchange for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) plus the expense of a delegation meeting, up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

On a roll call vote, all fifteen members of the delegation present having voted in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton, and seconded by Rep. Hart that The Belknap County Commissioners be authorized to survey such part of the remaining County Farm land as in their judgment, from time to time, may be necessary to subdivide the same into lots.

It was so voted.

The Commissioners stated that at least three other persons were interested in buying lots on the Winnisquam shore property at this time. A general discussion followed.

It was moved by Rep. Robertson, and seconded by Rep. Gardner that The Belknap County Commissioners be authorized to sell by direct sale Lots No. 38, No. 40, and No. 42 on the shore, said lots to be laid out one hundred feet on the road, at a price of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

On a roll call vote, all present voted in the affirmative, and the motion prevailed.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and seconded by Rep. Tilton that

Mrs. Helen Hayner be allowed a rebate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) on her lot, No. 2, to compensate for land taken away from the lot for a road.

It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET FOR 1954

Salaries of:

Commissioners	\$3,600.00
Treasurer	300.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,500.00
Sheriff	1,300.00

Expenses of:

County Officers	2,300.00
Register of Deeds	1,685.00
Register of Probate	1,375.00

Care and Supplies, Court House 7,000.00

Superior Court 20,000.00

Public Welfare:

County Home	69,000.00
Poor Off Farm	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance	13,000.00
Care of Children	15,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	5,000.00
Relief — Administration	4,000.00
Office Expense	4,000.00

Interest:

On Bonds	673.75
Service Charges	3.00

New Construction and Equipment:

Court House	1,200.00
County Home	8,000.00
Law Library	500.00
Commissioners' Office (Typewriter)	350.00
Alco-Meter	500.00
Register of Deeds (Map Repair)	200.00

Indebtedness:

Bonds	7,000.00
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All Other Payments:

Extension Service	9,300.00
Delegation Expense	500.00
Retirement System	1,500.00

\$186,986.75

Estimated Revenue 50,224.19

Amount to be raised by Taxation **\$136,762.56**

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County present the annual report of the County Commissioners, Treasurer, Superintendent of the County Home and House of Correction, Manager of the Recreation Area, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor and Auditors for the year ending December 31, 1954.

COURT HOUSE

The work of cleaning and repainting the walls and corridors at the Court House was completed this year at a cost of \$836.00. The Sheriff's Office also received some much needed attention. The floor was sanded and covered with linoleum. This office is used by the Grand Jury each year as well as by the Sheriff Department and badly needed the work that was done on it. The roof of the Annex will need attention soon and some repairs will have to be made to the heating system in the near future.

COUNTY HOME

The report of the Superintendent and Matron and particulars of Farm operation for the year appear elsewhere in this report. The Infirmary has been supplied with modern equipment to bring it up to State requirements for such institutions at a cost of \$4,602.39. That this infirmary meets a long felt need in the County is shown by its continued use by private as well as Welfare Cases. The revenue from the Infirmary for the past year of \$43,014.20 would seem to justify the expenses involved in modernizing it.

Institution repairs involved work on the boiler house and repairs to the boiler itself. New kitchen equipment was added, new emergency lights installed.

The Farm continues to produce its quota of vegetables and fruit and furnishes necessary table supplies and a surplus which is readily sold. The dairy herd showed an earning of \$9,763.20 for the year in surplus milk sold, as well as producing what cream and milk was needed for Institution purposes. This is an increase over a year ago in milk production.

A sincere invitation is extended to citizens of Belknap County to visit the County Home and see for themselves what this Institution has to offer in the way of service to the County.

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Direct assistance costs were higher in 1954 than in 1953, but these costs were well within the budgetary figure. The fall and winter months bring regular increases in such relief costs,

reflecting seasonal unemployment and cold weather factors always present at this time.

Old Age Assistance costs were somewhat lower than the previous year and are now fairly constant.

Board and Care of Children and Soldiers' Aid cases present the greatest problems. Increased needs for Care of Children arise from broken homes and lack of parental responsibility. Reimbursements on such cases are difficult to obtain and of disappointing amount, except through Court action. Soldiers' Aid problems showed a decided increase this year and involve both necessary care of such families during emergencies and considerable guidance in trying to get these families to make an effort to solve their own problems. An increased appropriation for Soldiers' Aid seems necessary for 1955.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

By statutory requirements, a ten year index of the records in the Register of Deeds office will have to be made this year and a special appropriation will be necessary for this purpose.

RECREATION AREA

Included in the improvements at the Recreation Area in 1954 was the purchase and erection of a T-Bar Lift at a cost of \$50,000.00. This Lift will greatly relieve the congestion on existing Tows and Tramway and should be a source of much additional revenue. Slopes and hills have been graded and landscaped and much additional work has been done to bring this Area up to modern standards.

The report of Mr. Baer, manager of the Area, and operating figures for the year are included in this report.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all agencies and individuals who have assisted us in our work as Commissioners.

Signed:

JOSEPH F. SMITH
MAURICE W. SAWYER
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire**

June 24, 1954

Board of County Commissioners
Belknap County
Laconia, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws, the biennial examination and audit of the accounts of Belknap County has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in three sections as follows:

- Section I — Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952
- Section II — Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953
- Section III — Ten Year Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court, Superintendent of the County Farm and Recreation Area.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets:

- December 31, 1951-December 31, 1952 (Exhibit A-1)
- December 31, 1952-December 31, 1953 (Exhibit A-2)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1951-1952 and December 31, 1952-1953, are presented in Exhibits A-1 and A-2, respectively. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$39,964.85 in 1952 and \$19,309.59 in 1953.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

- Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibit B-1)
- Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibit B-2)

Statements presenting an analysis of the factors which caused the change in financial condition of the County during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are included in Exhibits B-1 and B-2, respectively.

In 1952 the Net Debt decreased by \$39,964.85. The factors which caused this were as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt		
Increase in Accounts Receivable	\$387.00	
Bonds Matured and Paid	7,000.00	
Deficiency Appropriation	45,000.00	
		\$52,387.00
Increases in Net Debt		
Net Budget Deficit	\$178.17	
Increase in Accounts Payable	330.93	
1951 Cash Balance Used to Reduce 1952 County Tax	11,913.05	
		12,422.15
Net Decrease		
		\$39,964.85

The decrease in Net Debt of \$19,309.59 during 1953, was brought about as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt		
Net Budget Surplus	\$10,724.19	
Bonds Matured and Paid	7,000.00	
Deficiency Appropriation	20,000.00	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	1,482.37	
		\$39,206.56
Increases in Net Debt		
Increase in Accounts Payable	\$75.14	
1952 Cash Balance Used to Reduce 1953 County Tax	\$19,821.83	
		19,896.97
Net Decrease		
		\$19,309.59

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures — Estimated and Actual Revenues:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibits C-1 & D-1)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibits C-2 & D-2)

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, a net overdraft of appropriations of \$94.85, plus a net revenue deficit of \$83.32, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$178.17.

In 1953, a net revenue surplus of \$7,864.59, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$2,859.60, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$10,724.19.

Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibit E-1)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibit E-2)

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibits E-1 and E-2, respectively.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1953, is shown in Exhibit F-2.

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Belknap County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

COUNTY FARM

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

Classified summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1952 and 1953 are presented in Exhibits H-1 and J-2, respectively.

RECREATION AREA**Statements of Receipts and Expenditures:**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibit J-1)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibit M-2)

Statements of the receipts and expenditures of the Belknap Mountains Recreation Area, for the years 1952 and 1953, are included in Exhibits J-1 and M-2. These are summarized as follows:

	1952	1953
Total Receipts	\$100,266.19	\$91,950.36
Total Expenditures	\$89,955.86	\$91,891.52

Area Budget Summaries:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibit I-1)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibits K-2 & L-2)

In 1952 the appropriation for and estimated income from the Recreation Area were included in the regular County budget in lump sum amounts. In 1953 the Area budget was made up separately in detailed form.

As indicated by Exhibit I-1, an unexpended appropriation balance of \$44.14, plus a revenue surplus of \$266.19, resulted in a net budget surplus for the Area in 1952 of \$310.33.

In 1953, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$8,108.48, less a net revenue deficit of \$49.64, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$8,058.84.

GENERAL COMMENTS

County Farm — Accounts Receivable:

A better system for recording accounts receivable at the County Farm would be desirable. It is therefore recommended that the use of a new accounts receivable ledger be adopted. This would be in the form of a loose leaf ledger sheet for each individual account with "debit," "credit" and "balance" columns. It is also recommended that the installation of this proposed change in accounting procedure be made by the auditors of this Division.

When the new system is adopted a monthly report of accounts receivable should be made by the Superintendent to the Board of County Commissioners. This would be in summarized form as follows:

Accounts Receivable — December 1, 1954	\$.....
Charges During December	
	<u>.....</u>
	\$.....
Accounts Paid During December	
	<u>.....</u>
*Accounts Receivable — December 31, 1954	<u><u>\$.....</u></u>

*This amount to be proved by adding machine tape, listing and totaling individual accounts receivable.

*This amount as of December 31st in any year should be included as an Asset account in the balance sheet of the County.

Recreation Area — Petty Cash Fund:

The petty cash fund of the Recreation Area in the amount of \$500.00 was originally advanced from the general fund account. Inasmuch as the Area fund account has been separated from the general fund account, reimbursement of \$500.00 should be made by the Area fund to the general fund. The petty cash fund could then be re-established from the Area fund account.

Recreation Area — Identification of Receipts:

Area receipts are deposited in the bank by the manager. A duplicate copy of the deposit slip accompanied by a report indicating the source of receipts included in the deposit is sent to the Commissioners' office. From this information posting to the record of receipts is made. During the course of the audit it was difficult to identify many of the receipt items for classification purposes, some items being simply designated as "miscellaneous."

It is important that the bookkeeper in the Commissioners' office should receive all pertinent information which is required to properly classify Area receipts for accounting and budgetary purposes. Reports should indicate:

- (1) Date of receipt
- (2) Name of remitter
- (3) Source of receipt — i.e. "Dance Hall Rent" — "Camping & Firewood Privilege" — "Refund on Insurance Premium" — "Juke Box," etc.

Receipts on account of "Special Events" should be further identified as to the kind of event, such as: "Boy Scout Jamboree," "Arts & Crafts Exhibition," "Motor Cycle Meet," etc.

Capital Reserve Fund: (Exhibits G-1 & G-2)

At the time the County started the survey, development and sale of Lake Shore lots the legislative delegation voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund from the proceeds of this project. As of December 31, 1953 the Capital Reserve Fund was comprised as follows:

County Farm Improvements	\$18,876.94
Area Revolving Fund Balance	2,030.00
	\$20,906.94

It was noted that during 1952 and 1953, additions to and withdrawals from the Capital Reserve Fund were not reflected through the General Fund account. It was also noted that present records in connection with the Lake Shore lot development, recording of cash receipts and disbursements, and reconciliation with the Capital Reserve Fund were inadequate for proper accounting purposes.

It is therefore recommended that a definite accounting control be established by adopting the following procedure:

- (1) Use of an individual ledger card on which to record

pertinent information in connection with the sale of lots. This should include:

Lot Number
 Lot Dimensions
 Selling Price
 Name of Purchaser
 Terms of Sale
 Name of Real Estate Agent
 Commission Paid
 Date Sold
 Date of Deed

- (2) Use of a Cash Book to record all receipts, disbursements and deposits to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Withholding Tax and Employees' Retirement:

The balance sheets of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, include the following accounts payable:

	Dec. 31, 1952	Dec. 31, 1953
Director of Internal Revenue	\$330.20	\$454.10
Retirement System — Employees' Contributions	307.07	323.92
Retirement System — County Appropriation	746.37	680.76
	<u>\$1,383.64</u>	<u>\$1,458.78</u>

The above items represent withholding taxes for the month of December, Employees' retirement contributions for the fourth quarter and the County's share of retirement for the second half of the years 1952 and 1953. These accounts were paid in each case in January of the following year. The payments on account of withholding taxes and employees' contributions to the retirement system were likewise charged to departmental payroll accounts in the following year and the payment on account of the County's share of retirement to the following year's appropriation for this purpose.

The withholding taxes, employees' contributions to the retirement system and County's share of retirement should be paid over to the designated authorities prior to the time when the County books are closed for the fiscal year and charged to that year's appropriation accounts rather than carried over to the next year.

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of the county officials were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure, with exceptions as herein noted, conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

In conformance with Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, a copy of this report or a summary of its essential features should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of the members of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Belknap County and the office staff for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

*Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission*

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

June 24, 1954

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Belknap County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court, Superintendent of the County Farm and Recreation Area for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953. In our opinion the accompanying Exhibits fairly present the financial condition of Belknap County and the results of operations for the periods under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET**Assets**

Cash on hand	\$6,567.34
Capital Reserve:	
County Home Improvements	20,147.47
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	2,091.35
Accounts due County:	
Town of Gilmanton, County taxes	1,689.02
Town of Sanbornton, County taxes	1,699.27
Other Assets:	
Recreation Area balance 12/31/54	11,298.45
T-Bar balance 12/31/54	4,568.90
County Home, petty cash account	200.00
Amount due Farm	4,414.38
Total Assets:	\$52,676.18

Liabilities

Accounts owed by County:	
Laconia National Bank, deductions for Dec.	\$563.80
Retirement System, ded. fourth quarter	312.95
Retirement System, Co. share 7/1-12/31/54	685.45
Capital Reserve Funds:	
County Home Improvement	20,147.47
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	2,091.35
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
T-Bar Notes, a/c Recreation Area	50,000.00
Bonds Outstanding:	
Belknap County Refunding, 2¾%	21,000.00
Recreation Area Balance	11,298.45
Total Liabilities:	\$106,099.47
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (net debt)	53,423.29
Net Debt, December 31, 1954	53,423.29
Net Debt, December 31, 1953	18,034.59
Increase of Debt	35,388.70

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT OF BELKNAP COUNTY

DECEMBER 31, 1954

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

REFUNDING

1937

$2\frac{3}{4}\%$

1955	\$7,000.00
1956	7,000.00
1957	7,000.00
	\$21,000.00

PAYABLE AT THE NATIONAL SHAWMUT BANK
40 WATER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

T-BAR NOTES, ISSUED FOR PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF T-BAR AT RECREATION AREA

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES

1955 — Note No. 1, Peoples Nat. Bank, Claremont	\$5,000.00
1956 — Note No. 2, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1957 — Note No. 3, Peoples Nat. Bank, Claremont	5,000.00
1958 — Note No. 4, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1959 — Note No. 5, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1960 — Note No. 6, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1961 — Note No. 7, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1962 — Note No. 8, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1963 — Note No. 9, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1964 — Note No. 10, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$50,000.00

Interest payable November 21 and May 21, 2:25% in arrears.
Principal payable May 21, \$5,000.00 annually.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
RECREATION AREA FOR 1954**

	Budget	Expended	Unexpended	Overdraft
Administrative Expense:				
Manager's Salary	\$7,150.00	\$7,291.36		\$141.36
Office Salaries	2,000.00	1,090.96	\$909.04	
Office Expense	400.00	615.04		215.04
Advertising	5,500.00	4,780.14	719.86	
Insurance and Taxes	4,250.00	3,580.46	669.54	
Operation and Maintenance Expense:				
Tows	6,000.00	5,007.33	992.67	
Restaurant	21,000.00	15,982.71	5,017.29	
Dance Hall	2,500.00	1,782.36	717.64	
Gift Shop	3,000.00	3,479.84		479.84
Ski Shop and School	10,000.00	6,920.61	3,079.39	
Special Events	1,700.00	749.33	950.67	
Travel, Entertainment, Manager	800.00	745.70	54.30	
Gen. Maint. Expense	21,441.00	19,390.38	2,050.62	
Capital Outlay:				
New Equipment (Truck)	1,275.00	1,625.46		350.46
New Const. (T-Bar)	50,000.00	45,431.10	4,568.90	
*Replacement of Facilities (Dam. etc.)	3,500.00	4,563.94		~~2,250.64~~ 1063.94
Total Appropriation	\$140,516.00	\$123,036.72	\$19,729.92	\$2,250.64

* Authorized by vote of Delegation May 25, 1954.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
TO DECEMBER 31, 1954**

	Budget	Payment	Unexpended	Overdraft	Receipts
Salaries of:					
Commissioners	\$3,600.00	\$3,583.45	\$16.55		
Treasurer	300.00	300.00			
Auditors	200.00	200.00			
Solicitor	1,500.00	1,490.25	9.75		
Sheriff	1,300.00	1,300.00			
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,300.00	1,993.91	306.09		
Register of Deeds	1,685.00	1,676.56	8.44		
Register of Probate	1,375.00	1,369.43	5.57		
Care and Supplies, Court House	7,000.00	6,909.28	90.72		\$372.71
Superior Court	20,000.00	25,590.14		\$5,590.14	12.48
Public Welfare:					
County Home	69,000.00	88,311.43		19,311.43	56,619.53
Poor Off Farm	8,000.00	5,972.41	2,027.59		870.00
Old Age Assistance	13,000.00	9,123.88	3,876.12		3,792.53
Care of Children	15,000.00	11,394.97	3,605.03		2,765.75
Soldiers' Aid	5,000.00	6,090.22		1,090.22	38.50
Relief Administration	4,000.00	3,974.76	25.24		
Office Expense	4,000.00	3,972.39	27.61		7.70

Interest:					
On Bonds	673.75	673.75			
Service Charges	3.00	3.00			
New Construction and Equipment:					
Court House	1,200.00	1,221.45	21.45		
County Home	8,000.00	8,000.00			
Law Library	500.00	500.00			
Comm. Office (typewriter)	350.00	400.00	50.00		65.00
Alco-Meter	500.00	422.50	77.50		
Reg. Deeds (Map Repair)	200.00	196.00	4.00		
Indebtedness:					
Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00			
All Other Payments:					
Extension Service	9,300.00	9,300.00			
Delegation Expense	500.00	454.65	45.35		88.52
Retirement System	1,500.00	1,366.22	133.78		
Budget	\$186,986.75	\$202,787.65	\$10,262.34	\$26,063.24	\$64,632.72
Estimated Revenue	50,224.19			10,262.34	
To be raised by Taxation	\$136,762.56			\$15,800.90	

RECEIPTS — RECREATION AREA

1954

Receipts:	Estimated	Actual
Tows	\$36,000.00	\$32,418.02
Restaurant (all Dept.)	31,000.00	23,168.93
Dance Hall, net and tax	3,500.00	2,360.90
Gift Shop	4,000.00	4,969.33
Ski Shop and School	14,000.00	11,977.45
Special Events	4,000.00	3,139.75
Rentals, Dance Hall, etc.	400.00	585.00
Juke Boxes, Coin Boxes, etc.	2,100.00	2,225.85
Camping Firewood		
Other Revenue:		
Available from Bond Issue	50,000.00	50,000.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve	*8,000.00	
Cash Surplus	* 58.84	*(8,058.84)
Total Revenues	\$145,000.00	\$130,845.23
		8,058.84
		\$138,904.07
*Balance January 1, 1954	\$8,058.84	

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	Value:
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House	\$50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Farm	50,000.00
(d) Recreation Area (Land value)	16,000.00
Furniture and Equipment:	
(a) Court House	10,500.00
(b) Jail	1,500.00
(c) County Farm	26,400.00
(d) County Hospital	13,000.00
TOTAL	\$182,400.00

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

*Taxes from Towns	\$138,521.80
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Income from Institutions:

County Home	56,619.53
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Reimbursement for Support of Poor:

Old Age Assistance	3,792.53
Direct Relief	870.00
Board and Care of Children	2,765.75
Soldiers' Aid	38.50

Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	49,287.50
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Withdrawn from Capital Reserve:

Commissions on Shore Lots	610.00
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All Other Receipts:

Transfers and Refunds, Recreation Area	24,441.28
Transfers and Refunds, T-Bar Account	5,590.70
Treasurer of U. S., office rent	372.71
Surplus, Commodities, refund from Towns	3,127.15
Refunds, a/c Blue Cross payments	167.55
Flood Control Payments	146.40
Transfer, a/c T-Bar Contract	11,475.00
Miscellaneous	173.70

*Town of Gilmanton, Sanbornton, Dec. install. unpaid. Total Receipts, Town of Gilford, overpaid
1c refunded

\$298,000.10

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Payments:**General Government:**

1. Salaries of:

(a) Commissioners	\$3,583.45
(b) Treasurer	300.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) Solicitor	1,490.25
(e) Sheriff	1,300.00

2. Expenses of:

(a) County Officers	1,993.91
(b) Register of Deeds	1,676.56
(c) Register of Probate	1,369.43

3. Care and Supplies, Court House

6,909.28

Superior Court:

4. Jury — Payrolls	4,237.28
5. State vs — Payrolls	2,218.32
6. Referees and Masters	235.00
7. Counsel Fees	280.00
8. Stenographer, etc.	2,691.25
9. Clerk of Court	9,700.17
10. Sheriff	6,228.12

Public Welfare:

11. County Farm Expenditures	86,475.33
12. Jail Expenditures	1,836.10
13. Support of Poor not on Farm	5,972.41
14. Old Age Assistance	9,123.88
15. Board and Care of Children	11,394.97
16. Aid to Soldiers	6,090.22
17. Welfare Administration	3,974.76
18. Office Expense	3,972.39

Total Current Maintenance Expense	\$173,253.08
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Interest:

19. Paid on Bonded Debt	\$673.75
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Total Interest Payments	\$673.75
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Outlay for New Construction and Equipment:

20. Court House Repairs	\$1,221.45
21. Alco-Meter, cost shared with City of Laconia	422.50
22. Map Repairs (Reg. of Deeds)	196.00
23. Law Library	500.00
24. Electric Typewriter (Comm. Office)	400.00
25. County Home (Institution)	3,397.61
26. County Home (Infirmity)	4,602.39

Total Outlay, Payments	\$10,739.95
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Indebtedness:

27. Paid on Temporary Loans	\$50,000.00
28. Paid on Principal of Bonds	7,000.00
29. Paid on Temporary Transfers:	
30. Recreation Area Account	20,000.00
31. T-Bar Account	16,475.00

Total Indebtedness Payments	\$93,475.00
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All Other Payments:

32. Extension Service	\$9,300.00
33. Surplus Foods Plan	2,290.84
34. Employees' Retirement	1,366.22

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35. Delegation Expense	454.65
36. Commission on Shore Lots	610.00
37. Flood Control Payments	146.40
38. Recreation Area, Deductions	4,451.03
39. T-Bar Fund, Deductions	90.70
40. Blue Cross, Deductions	157.80
41. Tax Refund, Town of Gilford	.01
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$297,009.43
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	6,567.34
Grand Total	\$303,576.77

RECEIPTS
COUNTY TAXES

Alton	\$10,195.65
Barnstead	3,280.93
Belmont	4,545.99
Center Harbor	2,636.78
*Gilford	11,287.02
**Gilmanton	1,689.02
Laconia	69,271.60
Meredith	14,209.63
New Hampton	4,685.49
**Sanbornton	1,699.28
Tilton	9,872.89
Alton, balance of 1953 tax	5,147.52
Total:	\$138,521.80
*Town of Gilford, overpaid and refunded	.01
**Town of Gilmanton, Dec. balance unpaid.	
**Town of Sanbornton, Dec. balance unpaid.	

INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Home, Jail and House of Correction	\$56,619.53
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REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPORT OF POOR

F. A. Normandin, a/c County Case	\$870.00
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REIMBURSEMENT, SOLDIERS' AID

Laconia Clinic, refund	\$5.00
Town of Bartlett, refund	33.50
Total:	\$38.50

REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN

Laconia Hospital, refund	\$161.75
Probation Department, refund	895.00
Welfare Department, refund	364.00
Personal Refunds	1,345.00
Total:	\$2,765.75

REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

J. A. Pickard, a/c County Home	\$3,763.94
State of New Hampshire, refunds	28.59
Total:	\$3,792.53

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, INSURANCE AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS, ADVANCED BY COUNTY AND REFUNDED

Recreation Area	\$4,411.28
T-Bar Account	11,595.70
Total:	\$16,006.98

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE**TEMPORARY LOANS**

Date issued:	Payable:
March 26, 1954	December 26, 1954
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	
Note No. 260, \$25,000.00, disc. \$356.25	\$24,643.75
Note No. 261, \$25,000.00, disc. \$356.25	24,643.75
Total:	\$49,287.50

Transfers to County Account:

Recreation Area	\$20,000.00
T-Bar Account	5,000.00
Total:	\$25,000.00

ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Refunds from Towns on Surplus Comm.	\$3,127.15
Treas. of U. S., office rent	372.71
Refunds, Blue Cross payments	167.55
Flood Control payments	146.40
Payment a/c Delegation Meeting	88.52
C. C. Rogers, Co., Inc., trade in on typewriter	65.00
Checks Nos. 4225 and 4369 voided, cr. Sup. Court	12.48
Recreation Area, office supplies	7.70
Total:	\$3,987.51

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	\$1,193.20
Walter A. Woodward	1,190.25
Maurice W. Sawyer	1,200.00
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	300.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
J. Clinton Roper	100.00
Solicitor:	
Thomas P. Cheney	1,490.25
Sheriff:	
Homer L. Crockett	1,300.00
Total:	
	\$6,873.70

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Joseph F. Smith, travel and expense	\$194.27
Walter A. Woodward, travel and expense	155.55
Maurice W. Sawyer, travel and expense	182.48
E. D. Anderson, photos	6.00
Citizen Publishing Co., ads and printing	56.20
A. P. Gerry, bonds	25.20
G. U. Horne Agency, bonds	148.32
Howell Business Service, County reports	444.60
Kiplinger News Letter, subscription	18.00
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bonds	12.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	420.94
Mrs. G. K. Ryan, typing	26.12
State Tax Commission, audit	259.23
R. P. Tilton, bond	25.00
Total:	
	\$1,993.91

COURT HOUSE EXPENSE

Acme Chemical Co., supplies	\$19.50
C. C. Bickford, chair repair	28.00
Blue Cross, deductions	58.50
Boulia & Gorrell Lumber Co., supplies	9.81
Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	64.17
Byse Agency, insurance adjustment	17.00

City of Laconia, sewer tax	25.90
City Freight Service, freight charges	3.82
G. S. Copp, janitor	2,594.00
Country Store, supplies	7.54
Red Dunn, snow removal	28.00
P. Dutile Co., fuel	1,423.72
Gale Insurance Agency, insurance	744.46
Goodwin Paper Co., supplies	51.70
J. M. Guay, Hardware Co., supplies	22.13
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., insurance	147.19
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	187.62
Laconia National Bank, deductions	170.90
Laconia Water Co., service	79.42
Lakes Region Feed & Supply Co., supplies	8.25
O. A. Lougee Co., supplies	2.75
Luxor Lighting Products Co., supplies	58.71
Munsey & Brazil Inc., liability insurance	132.78
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., repairs	63.36
Page & Wheeler Inc., supplies	1.47
Public Service Co., lights	476.94
Retirement System, deductions	181.42
G. B. Robbins Disinfecting Co., supplies	6.40
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	12.60
R. F. Shelley, sewer tax	11.08
South Main Market, supplies	1.49
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	200.00
L. S. Weeks, trucking	48.00
D. D. Whittemore, vigoro	15.75
Woodward's, supplies	4.90
Total:	\$6,909.28

REGISTER OF DEEDS

R. A. Foss, printing	\$60.00
Carl Larson, supplies	296.06
S. Lerman, printing	55.75
E. L. Lydiard, printing	82.50
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	71.51
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
Meredith Publishing Corp., printing	8.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	166.94
Roger's Store, supplies	3.00
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., record books and supplies	650.30
Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	262.50
Total:	\$1,676.56

REGISTER OF PROBATE

H. Aiken, stamps	\$18.00
Boston Law Book Co., N. H. Digest	12.00
M. A. Forsberg, Stenog. fees	12.50
Carl Larson, supplies	186.07
S. Lerman, printing	253.75
E. L. Lydiard, printing	125.75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	209.94
Postmaster, stamps	102.00
Precision Equipment Co., equipment	56.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	393.42
Total:	\$1,369.43

SUPERIOR COURT**JURY PAYROLLS**

Petit Jury:	
March term	\$1,713.22
October term	2,203.04
Grand Jury:	
March term	164.64
October term	156.38
Total:	\$4,237.28

"STATE VS" — PAYROLLS

State vs Carlson & Dirth	\$200.00
Cortes	109.24
Dirth	10.00
Drouin and Weeks	125.80
Gallagher	3.00
Godbout	1.00
Gray	30.50
LaPerle	3.12
Kimball	75.00
Smith	125.00
Vallier	223.34
Miscellaneous	1,312.32
Total:	\$2,218.32

COUNSEL FEES

J. W. Doherty, counsel fees	\$35.00
T. J. McIntyre, counsel fees	35.00
B. I. Snierison, counsel fees	100.00
R. P. Tilton, counsel fees	110.00

H. E. Trapp, master's fees	135.00
E. L. Page, master's fees	100.00
Total:	\$515.00

STENOGRAPHER, ETC.

Elsa Avery, stenographer's fees	\$31.00
Frances M. Doherty, stenographer's fees	27.50
Martha A. Forsberg, stenographer's fees	296.50
E. W. Nolin, stenographer's fees	21.50
P. A. Sheehan, stenographer's fees	493.85
American Law Book Co., Corpus Juris	15.00
Boston Law Book Co., Words & Phrases	97.00
Lawyers' Co-operative Printing Co., law books	106.00
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citations	18.00
G. O. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
State Treasurer, stenographer's salaries	1,554.65
Wright & Potter Printing Co., Mass., Reports	5.25
Total:	\$2,691.25

CLERK OF COURT

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	\$946.65
Cragg Bindery, binding	25.00
A. S. Healey, printing	33.03
Kee Lox Mfg. Co., supplies	9.81
Carl Larson, supplies	18.55
E. L. Lydiard, printing	42.30
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	13.55
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	351.84
Nighswander, Lord & Bownes, clerk's bond	25.00
Phaneuf Press, printing	42.61
Postmaster, envelopes & postage	69.28
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	93.30
Ted's Printing Service, printing	9.75
H. E. Trapp, clerk's account	8,000.00
Total:	\$9,700.17

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES

L. Athanas, sheriff's fees	\$871.30
C. C. Bickford, sheriff's fees	120.80
H. L. Crockett, sheriff's fees	2,718.95
R. S. Crockett, sheriff's fees	1,996.60
G. H. Gault, sheriff's fees	128.00
S. J. Morin, sheriff's fees	21.35

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Citizen Publishing Co., printing	34.60
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	304.12
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	12.90
Total:	<u>\$6,228.12</u>

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioners' orders drawn and paid by County

Treasurer January 1, to December 31, 1954

Total: \$88,311.43**PUBLIC WELFARE**

	Poor off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Alton		\$1,034.85
Barnstead		18.16
Belmont	\$1,513.04	
Center Harbor		
Gilford		
Gilmanton		
Laconia	3,687.74	2,909.75
Meredith		1,940.46
New Hampton	45.00	
Sanbornton	73.35	6.55
Tilton	653.28	180.45
Total:	<u>\$5,972.41</u>	<u>\$6,090.22</u>

OLD AGE ASSISTANCECounty Payments \$9,123.88**BOARD AND CARE OF CHILDREN**County Payments \$11,394.97**RELIEF ADMINISTRATION**

Blue Cross, deductions	\$40.80
Investigator, salary	2,528.36
Investigator, travel and expense	647.22
Laconia National Bank, deductions	447.00
Retirement System, deductions	187.58
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	123.80
Total:	<u>\$3,974.76</u>

OFFICE EXPENSE

Blue Cross, deductions	\$20.40
Bookkeeper, salary	2,855.53

Burroughs Adding Machine Co., service	19.80
E. C. Eastman Co. Inc., Bond register	17.50
Howell Business Service, supplies	14.25
Laconia National Bank, deductions	382.20
Carl Larson, supplies	16.64
Postmaster, stamps and envelopes	277.20
Retirement System, deductions	243.92
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	124.95
Total:	\$3,972.39

INTEREST

Paid on Bonded Debt:

National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.	
Issue of 3/15/37	\$673.75

INDEBTEDNESS

Paid on Temporary Loans:

Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	
Note No. 260	\$25,000.00
Note No. 261	25,000.00

Paid on Bonded Debt:

National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.	
Issue of 3/15/37	7,000.00

Total:	\$57,000.00
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ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Delegation Expense:

F. M. Perkins, Chairman	\$16.80
Mrs. M. H. Atwood, clerk	66.00
M. B. Hart	21.00
A. W. Simoneau	25.60
E. S. Tilton	25.60
A. H. Mathews	44.80
W. F. Metcalf	40.00
A. H. McAllister	24.00
Mrs. E. B. Gardner	11.40
W. T. Robertson	18.00
C. E. Nichols	12.80
W. D. Kipp	10.80
J. F. Smith	16.20
H. I. Burbank	9.60
A. H. Morin	9.60
G. W. Varrell	10.20
C. W. Roeder	4.20
P. Karagianis	6.40

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Mrs. D. L. Stafford	6.40
T. P. Cheney, expense Delegation meeting 11/9/54	10.62
Citizen Publishing Co., ads, public hearing	30.50
Mrs. D. K. Clark, typing	8.00
Mrs. G. K. Ryan, typing	26.13
Total:	\$454.65
Flood Control Payments:	
Paid Town of New Hampton	\$64.76
Paid Town of Sanbornton	81.64
Total:	\$146.40
Paid a/c Shore Lot Sales:	
Byse Agency, commissions	\$610.00
Paid a/c Rec. Area Payroll Deductions:	
Insurance	\$1,531.75
Tax Commission audit	259.23
Payroll deductions, tax and retirement	2,285.85
Blue Cross deductions	216.30
Total:	\$4,293.13
Paid a/c T-Bar Account:	
25% contract (advanced by County)	\$11,475.00
Ads for bids	30.00
Tax and Blue Cross deductions	90.70
Total:	\$11,597.70
Extension Service, appropriation	\$9,300.00
Retirement System:	
County share	\$1,366.22
Tax Refunds:	
Town of Gilford, overpayment	.01
Blue Cross payments, reimbursed	157.80
Paid a/c Surplus Foods Plan:	
State of New Hampshire, surplus foods	\$1,961.83
N. H. Frosted Foods Inc., storage	329.01
Total:	\$2,290.84
TEMPORARY TRANSFERS	
Paid Rec. Area account	\$20,000.00
Paid T-Bar account	5,000.00
Total:	\$25,000.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

County Home Infirmary:	
Baker & Co., supplies	\$251.23
W. H. Davenport, supplies	32.33
G. A. Head, emergency lights	263.79
Lougee Robinson Co., supplies	3.75
E. F. Mahady Co., equipment	3,691.25
Rhoads & So., supplies	260.04
Dr. M. L. Stone, equipment	100.00

Total: \$4,602.39

County Home Institution Repairs:	
W. A. Clark, supplies	\$178.70
A. A. Godbout, mason work	261.99
F. W. Guyer, castings	252.00
R. H. Smith Co., kitchen equipment	2,484.92
M. L. Tibbetts, emergency lights	220.00

Total: \$3,397.61

Electric Typewriter, Commissioners' Office:	
Underwood Corporation	\$400.00

Alco-Tester, cost shared with City of Laconia:	
Fred G. Keyes Inc.	\$422.50

Law Library:	
E. F. Baker, contract	\$425.00
J. Chandler, books and equipment	51.00
Citizen Publishing Co., bids	24.00

Total: \$500.00

COURT HOUSE REPAIR

Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	\$30.00
Norman Drouin, painting	836.00
J. E. Fortin, sanding floors	25.00
Laconia Furniture Co., linoleum	265.20
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., chair	65.25

Total: \$1,221.45

Register of Deeds, Map Repair:	
Emery Record Preserving Co., map repair	\$176.00
C. P. Raymond, mileage	20.00

Total: \$196.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for Belnap County:

Gentlemen:

I, herewith, submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belnap for the twelve months ending, December 31, 1954.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$5,576.67
*Taxes from Towns	138,521.80
Income from Institutions	56,619.53
Reimbursement, Support of Poor	908.50
Reimbursement, Old Age Assistance	3,792.53
Reimbursements, Care of Children	2,765.75
Receipts from Recreation Area:	
Transfer from Area Account	20,000.00
Transfer from T-Bar account	5,000.00
a/c T-Bar contract & ads	11,505.00
Payroll deductions and Blue Cross	2,711.00
Insurance and State audit	1,790.98
Petty-cash refunded	500.00
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	49,287.50
From Capital Reserve, a/c Shore lots	610.00
All other Receipts:	
Treasurer of U. S., office rent	372.71
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., typewriter trade-in	65.00
Surplus Commodity receipts	2,127.15
Miscellaneous	422.65
Total:	\$303,576.77

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	\$213,745.54
Funding Bonds paid	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds	673.75
Paid on Temporary Loans	50,000.00
Paid by Order of the Court:	
Jury Payrolls	4,237.28
State vs Payrolls	2,218.32
Counsel Fees	515.00

Stenographer etc.	2,691.25
Clerk of Court	9,700.17
Sheriff	6,228.12
Total Payments	\$297,009.43
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	6,567.34
Total	\$303,576.77

*Towns of Gilmanton and Sanbornton did not pay December installment until January 3, 1954. Town of Gilford overpaid 1c. refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON O. PARKER.
Treasurer, Belknap County

RECREATION AREA OPERATION 1954

Receipts:	Twelve Months
Tows	\$32,418.02
Restaurant	23,168.93
Dance Hall — net	1,977.22
Dance Hall — tax	383.68
Gift Shop — net	4,969.33
Gift Shop — tax	
Ski Shop	11,977.45
Rentals	585.00
Special Events	3,139.75
Miscellaneous	2,225.85
Totals:	\$80,845.23
Payments:	
Tows	\$5,007.33
Restaurant	15,982.71
Dance Hall — net	1,375.05
Dance Hall — tax	407.31
Gift Shop — net	3,479.84
Gift Shop — tax	
General Operating Expense	2,855.76
General Maintenance Expense	15,034.48
Construction and Repairs	6,034.58
Promotion and Travel	108.78
Office Expense	1,706.00
Salary, Manager	7,291.36
Expense, Manager	636.92

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Special Events	749.33
Advertising	4,780.14
Equipment	1,654.96
Ski Shop	6,920.61
Insurance and Taxes	3,580.46
Total:	<u>\$77,605.62</u>
Receipts	80,845.23
Payments	<u>77,605.62</u>
Operating Profit	\$3,239.61
Area Balance 1/1/54	<u>8,058.84</u>
Balance, Dec. 31, 1954	<u>\$11,298.45</u>

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

DETAILS OF T-BAR ACCOUNT

Notes Nos. 1 - 10, \$5,000.00 each	\$50,000.00
Payments:	
Contract, E. G. Constam	\$39,810.00
Interest on notes, 6 months	562.50
Labor, Area crew & miscell.	2,210.30
Bulldozing:	
E. V. Bennett, Treas.	\$1,326.00
M. R. Contigiani	460.00
	<u>1,786.00</u>
Supplies and service:	
Aldrich Photo Service	\$11.95
Am. Asbestos Prod. Co.	28.00
M. A. Carpenter	35.00
Diamond Match Co.	28.80
Laconia Electric Co.	17.80
Merrimack Farm. Exch.	450.76
Public Service Co.	358.49
	<u>930.80</u>
Surveying	<u>\$131.50</u>
	<u>45,431.10</u>
Balance	\$4,568.90
Balance due on Contract 90 days after T-Bar is in operation	<u>\$4,590.00</u>

BELKNAP COUNTY
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1955

Name of Bank	Rate	Balance 1954	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 1955
Iona Savings Bank	2½%	\$2,482.35		6-1-54 \$34.13 12-1-54 37.74		\$2,554.22
Lakeport Nat. Bank	2%	2,467.84		4-1-54 24.67 10-1-54 24.92		2,517.43
Laconia Savings Bank	3%	2,474.26	6-16-54 *\$630.00	7-6-54 37.11 1-6-55 54.97		3,196.34
City Savings Bank	3%	11,452.49	12-7-54 *600.00 12-15-54 *100.00	7-1-54 171.78 1-1-55 165.21	7-19-54 †\$610.00	11,879.48
Total in Banks						<u>\$20,147.47</u>

*Proceeds from Sale of Lots by County Commissioners

†Commission Paid Byse Agency for Sale of Lots in 1953

BELKNAP COUNTY
RECREATIONAL AREA REVOLVING FUND, JANUARY 1, 1955

City Savings Bank	3%	\$2,030.00	7-1-54 \$30.45 1-1-55 30.90	\$2,091.35
Total in Banks				<u>\$2,091.35</u>

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
 Byron O. Parker
 Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954 — Belknap County

County Treasurer's Account

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1954	\$5,576.67	
Receipts — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954	298,000.10	
	<u>\$303,576.77</u>	
Payments — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954	\$297,009.43	
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Balance — December 31, 1954 — As Per Cash Book		\$6,567.34
Balance in Laconia Nat'l Bank As Per		
Statement of December 31, 1954	\$11,273.65	
Less Outstanding Orders	<u>4,706.31</u>	
Reconciled Bank Balance — As of December 31, 1954		<u><u>\$6,567.34</u></u>

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954	\$56,619.53	
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954	56,619.53	
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Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1954	\$200.00	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1954	200.00	

Indebtedness — December 31, 1954

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	None
Outstanding Long Term Notes	\$50,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	21,000.00
Bills Owed by County	None

County Taxes Uncollected — December 31, 1954

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	\$3,388.29
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Signed DANA S. BEANE,
J. CLINTON ROPER,
County Auditors

January 17, 1955

BELKNAP COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT**Belknap County Area Report — Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954**

Cash Receipts on Hand January 1, 1954	\$8,058.84	
Petty Cash Account	500.00	
Proceeds of Bond Issue for T-Bar	50,000.00	
	\$58,558.84	
Cash Receipts — Area, Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954	\$80,345.23	
		\$138,904.07
Payments of Area, Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954	\$122,536.72	
Payment — Return of Petty Cash Account to County	500.00	
		\$123,036.72
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1954		\$15,867.35

Balance in Laconia Nat'l Bank as per Statement 12/31/54	\$17,372.06	
Less Outstanding Checks	1,504.71	
Reconciled Bank Balance as of 12/31/54	15,867.36	
Total Balance on Hand 12/31/54		\$15,867.35

Area Manager's Account

Total Receipts from Area, Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954	\$80,345.23	
Area Manager's Petty Cash Fund	500.00	
		\$80,845.23
Total Remittances to County Treasurer	\$80,845.23	

Signed **DANA S. BEANE,**
J. CLINTON ROPER,
 January 17, 1955 *County Auditors*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954 for the Belknap County Home and Infirmary.

In reviewing the year 1954 we would like to present some of the important phases of the institution's developments. This is the first full year of capacity operation for the County Infirmary, we are of the opinion that a very definite need is being fulfilled, as evidenced by the number of patients cared for daily throughout the year, an average of 32.4 patients for the year.

By the foresight of the Commissioners and the Belknap County Delegation in authorizing the purchase of much needed new equipment we are able to more adequately care for our patients both ambulatory and bed patients. The many compliments received from many relatives and visitors, reflecting the fine doctor and nursing care which our patients receive is most gratifying.

From the financial standpoint the Infirmary receipts have far exceeded the estimated revenue, the several categories serviced by the State of New Hampshire reflect the major portion of the income \$24,304.45 from all other sources \$18,709.75 making a total of \$43,014.20 for the year. Approximately 90% of the Infirmary cases formerly cared for by the taxpayers are now receiving some form of state or federal aid and this alone should be of great benefit to the already heavily burdened taxpayers of Belknap County.

Improvements throughout the institution have been made; a dishwasher and sterilizer have been installed, a Baker's oven replacing the old brick oven which had been in use since the institution had been built, this new oven has a capacity of 70 loaves of bread and forty pies, is much more economical to use since no preheating is required. The emergency lighting has proven its worth when lack of power during the hurricanes left the institution without lights, considerable roof damage necessitated shingling also glass replacement otherwise we were most fortunate to have so little damage from both hurricanes.

The farm has had a productive year despite the continuous rain and cold weather. Over 500 bushels of potatoes per acre have been harvested and other vegetables accordingly. Our hay crop exceeded any previous crop harvested. Our milking herd under the feed plan which we use exceeded last year in production the earnings for the year being \$9,763.20 plus the milk and cream used in the institution.

During the past year we have been pleased with the increased interest indicated and the many kindnesses extended to the aged and ill as well as the residents of the County Home by organizations, churches, and individuals, visiting groups, flowers, gifts, carol singing, Christmas decorations, tray favors, and the splendid production of Hansel & Gretel put on by Miss Marie Forsberg and her Thespians at our annual Christmas party.

In closing our report we wish to express our sincere thanks for the very fine cooperation extended to us at all times by our board of Commissioners, our County Delegation, the Doctors, City and Town officials, our Chaplains Rev. Thomas Cate and Rev. George Chicoine whose spiritual help and guidance has been of much benefit to our patients and other less fortunate who are under our charge. Our deep appreciation to all for the counsel and encouragement given us in carrying on the work of the institution.

Our thanks to all our faithful employees who have been so very cooperative in the performance of their duties during the year, without their help this report would not be possible.

Signed JOHN A. PICKARD, *Supt.*
INA A. PICKARD, *Matron*

COUNTY HOME RECEIPTS — 1954

Date	Board	Produce	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Misc.	Totals
January	\$1,646.30	\$30.51	\$35.80	\$800.97	\$1,421.00	\$17.24	\$3,951.82
February	2,139.10	106.00		151.64	19.00		2,415.74
March	3,745.10	5.20	32.00	279.47	61.00	18.10	4,140.87
April	3,162.26	350.00	210.00	616.44	5.00		4,343.70
May	3,518.49	198.00	699.00	1,784.58		149.05	6,299.12
June	1,282.65		66.00	1,220.89	17.00	6.00	2,592.54
July	3,167.59			1,080.68		10.00	4,258.27
August	4,520.45			576.56	5.00		5,102.01
September	4,815.38	150.00		1,530.90	8.00	70.53	6,574.81
October	4,249.96	3.00		379.74			4,632.70
November	4,196.81			625.85		24.95	4,847.61
December	6,570.11	2.75		765.48	6.00	116.00	7,460.37
Totals	\$43,014.20	\$845.46	\$1,042.80	\$9,763.20	\$1,542.00	\$411.87	\$56,619.53

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Date	Labor	Repairs	Total
January	\$40.00		\$40.00
February	40.00		40.00
March	94.00		94.00
April	120.00		120.00
May	114.70		114.70
June	150.00	\$3.00	153.00
July	179.40		179.40
August	218.00	3.00	221.00
September	220.00		220.00
October	220.00		220.00
November	220.00		220.00
December	220.00		220.00
Totals	\$1,836.10	\$6.00	\$1,842.10

FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed and Fertilizer	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$234.30		\$513.47		\$133.78	\$881.55
February	234.00	\$291.75	72.02		307.63	905.40
March	224.00	440.90	174.86		60.70	900.46
April	229.30		52.44		54.17	335.91
May	312.40	281.86	161.43	\$235.00	139.43	1,130.12
June	296.20	289.76	260.97	181.13	54.85	1,082.91
July	363.00	93.82	213.38		3.50	673.70
August	313.00	304.04	234.18		323.35	1,174.57
September	375.60	1.44	355.31		59.36	791.71
October	357.50	16.35	272.89		138.03	784.77
November	339.90	1.47	184.06		103.07	628.50
December	339.40	298.62	231.82		106.66	996.50
Total	\$3,638.60	\$2,020.01	\$2,726.83	\$416.13	\$1,484.53	\$10,286.10

DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$80.00	\$551.22	\$21.47		\$49.40	\$702.09
February	80.00	164.59	11.24		18.12	273.95
March	80.00	572.00	11.99		52.49	716.48
April	80.00	354.33	27.40		67.21	528.94
May	80.00	326.05	7.68		7.40	421.13
June	76.60	891.59			47.89	1,016.08
July	80.00	588.96	8.45		20.99	698.40
August	105.00	387.04	7.99		22.57	522.60
September	80.00	326.55	4.21		51.87	462.63
October	80.00	638.24			44.60	762.84
November	80.00	427.22	28.75		48.06	584.03
December	113.70	438.73	14.88		96.36	663.67
Total	\$1,015.30	\$5,666.52	\$144.06		\$526.96	\$7,352.84

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

<i>Date</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Provisions</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Additions and Repairs</i>	<i>Fuel, Lt. Water, Power</i>	<i>Fixed Charges</i>	<i>Other Expense</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	\$1,763.60	\$857.48	\$225.85	\$1,068.81	\$197.90	\$37.89	\$1,175.74	\$1,240.77	\$62.96	\$6,626.00
February	1,915.80	830.63	70.64	907.49	166.29	79.02	880.39	143.53	144.81	5,138.60
March	1,899.44	868.23	86.24	653.92	90.07	50.69	963.52	521.17	248.65	5,381.93
April	1,957.42	755.74	80.58	568.79	987.87	14.48	340.37	93.76	81.42	4,880.43
May	2,361.47	960.48	128.60	737.15	188.43	30.72	843.51	55.91	275.32	5,581.59
June	2,319.57	870.71	107.45	826.45	168.93	178.08	833.89		139.47	5,444.55
July	2,472.37	1,126.09	18.07	718.53	707.58		384.24		165.64	5,592.52
August	2,668.41	1,010.40	153.84	682.11	238.89	46.68	206.05		132.01	5,138.42
September	2,562.68	973.83	60.93	624.68	276.80		225.22	3,093.44	141.43	7,959.01
October	2,570.52	1,005.43	87.27	336.04	292.63	31.09	1,066.11		90.27	5,479.36
November	2,739.67	936.65	77.51	498.24	153.22	65.47	1,041.07		86.30	5,598.13
December	2,794.30	1,053.45	64.71	773.71	369.03		894.02		60.63	6,009.85
Totals:	\$28,025.28	\$11,249.12	\$1,161.69	\$8,395.92	\$3,832.64	\$534.12	\$8,854.13	\$5,148.58	\$1,628.91	\$68,830.39

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES — 1954

SUMMARY

Date	Jail & House of Correction	Farming	Dairy	Operation and Maintenance	Totals
January	\$40.00	\$881.55	\$702.09	\$6,626.00	\$8,249.64
February	40.00	905.40	273.95	5,138.60	6,357.95
March	94.00	900.46	716.48	5,381.93	7,092.87
April	120.00	335.91	528.94	4,880.43	5,865.28
May	114.70	1,130.12	421.13	5,581.59	7,247.54
June	153.00	1,082.91	1,016.08	5,444.55	7,696.54
July	179.40	673.70	698.40	5,592.52	7,144.02
August	221.00	1,174.57	522.60	5,138.42	7,056.59
September	220.00	791.71	462.63	7,959.01	9,433.35
October	220.00	784.77	762.84	5,479.36	7,246.97
November	220.00	628.50	584.03	5,598.13	7,030.66
December	220.00	996.50	663.67	6,009.85	7,890.02
Total	\$1,842.10	\$10,286.10	\$7,352.84	\$68,830.39	\$88,311.43

INVENTORY — 1954

PERSONAL PROPERTY, BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Live Stock	\$19,300.00
House of Correction	300.00
Jail Equipment	1,200.00
County Infirmary:	
Medical Supplies	1,500.00
Equipment	7,000.00
Women's Dormitories	3,000.00
Men's Dormitories	3,000.00
Two Kitchens, Equipment and Supplies	10,400.00
Supt. Dept. Stock and New Clothing	3,500.00
Contents Freezer Locker (Water St.)	4,700.00
Basement and Contents	4,000
Farm Equipment, Machinery and Trucks	8,000.00
Hay, Ensilage, Grain, etc.	10,000.00
Boiler Room Contents	4,000.00
Coal on Hand	1,450.00
Sawed Wood on Hand	1,000.00
Fertilizer	587.00
Lumber	200.00
Potatoes	1,500.00
Vegetables	2,000.00
	\$86,637.00

LIVE STOCK AT FARM — 1954

1 Bull	\$450.00
35 Cows	12,500.00
3 Two Year Olds	600.00
17 Yearlings	2,550.00
10 Calves	1,800.00
4 Horses	600.00
8 Brood Sows	800.00
	\$17,500.00

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME CROP REPORT — 1954

Apples	50 Boxes
Beans	33 Bu.
Beets	70 Bu.
Carrots	63 Bu.
Corn	80 Bu.
Cabbage	900 Head
Greens	75 Bu.
Onions	50 Bu.
Peas	45 Bu.
Potatoes	1500 Bu.
Tomatoes — green and ripe	170 Bu.
Turnips	100 Bu.
Hay	250 Tons
Ensilage	200 Tons
Beef dressed	5500 Lbs.
Cream used at home	835 Qts.
Milk used at home	1600 Qts.
Rhubarb	35 Boxes
Wood used at home	100 Cords
Wood sawed and piled	200 Cords

STATISTICS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

January 1 to December 31, 1954

Inmates at Home Jan. 1, 1954	42
Admitted During Year	50
	—
	92
Inmates at Home Dec. 31, 1954	49
Died During Year	14
Discharged During Year	29
	—
	92

	Weeks	Days
Inmates	581	3
Boarders	1,884	4
Prisoners in House of Correction	760	2
Prisoners in Jail	80	5
Held for Police Overnight	12	4
Employees and Visitors	1,800	3

FARM COSTS

Total expenditures 1954	\$88,311.43	
Inventory personal property		
Dec. 31, 1953	73,737.00	
	—	\$162,048.43
Total cash receipts 1954	\$56,619.53	
Accounts receivable	4,414.38	
Supt. petty cash account	200.00	
Inventory Dec. 31, 1954	86,637.00	
	—	147,870.91
Balance against Farm		\$14,177.52
Weeks board furnished		1,435
Per Capita cost per week, not including boarders, employees and guests		\$9.88

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION — 1954

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Barrett, Chester	26	14	
Bates, Calvin L.	21	34	4
Barton, Everett W.	48	3	6
Baron, Norman	21	22	5
Beaule, Francis E.	24	1	1
Beaudett, Norman	22		1
Brazeau, Harold L.	24	23	1
Brown, Carroll	33	23	1
Bumstead, Robert E.	46	3	6
Butcher, Lucy M.	29		3
Carney, Robert C.	29	1	
Cartier, Robert	21	15	5
Coburn, Ernest	46	1	
Dempsey, Joseph R.	22	11	4
Dennis, Harold E.	34	15	3
Desotell, William	29		1
Dickinson, Robert	26	24	5
Dion, Armand L.	32	6	1
Daoust, Eugene J.	21		4
Drouin, Robert	25	35	4
Fallstich, Jennie	25	19	3
Ferguson, Edward M.	32	23	1
Fifield, William	30	3	3
Goupie, Phillias	32		1
Grenier, Aurelier	49		1
Healey, Francis	29	5	6
Hill, Forest	63	7	5
Jenna, Irving C.	38	13	2
Jenoit, Horace	46	8	4
Jordan, Theodore	19	23	1
Lancaster, Elton	37	11	4
Laperle, Andrew F.	22	24	2
McClary, Horace	33	20	4
Moore, James F.	29	8	4
Morancy, Eugene F.	20	24	3
Morin, Albert	21	15	5
Newman, Harold D.	66	29	4
Noyes, Elizabeth	29	3	6
O'Loughlin, William	47	7	5
Page, Richard	24	4	2
Parris, Joseph	18		1

Peavey, Charles	22	17	4
Prescott, Frank C.	33	4	3
Prescott, Harry C.	60	28	3
Quinn, Harold	39	3	4
Rock, Harold R.	48	7	5
Rogers, John H.	34	33	3
Rollins, Calvin	18	32	6
Sliva, Martin	29	3	6
Small, Earl	49	11	4
Smith, Clifton	35	4	2
Theriault, Paul	20	5	5
Thompson, George K.	34	2	1
Thompson, Paul E.	23	45	4
Tobine, Herbert	69	24	3
Twombly, Clarence	62	9	4
Vallier, George	21	15	5
White, Daniel	61	10	5
Sargent, Lawrence	34	4	2

DEATHS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1954

Name	Date	Age
Baker, John M.	December 9, 1954	89
Coe, Fredrick S.	February 9, 1954	79
Cole, Eliza	April 8, 1954	65
Copp, Shirley	November 29, 1954	54
Dodge, Ella S.	December 7, 1954	93
Lessard, Thomas J.	August 8, 1954	73
Minor, Edward F.	October 26, 1954	69
Moulton, Bernice M.	December 17, 1954	55
Quimby, Elizabeth F.	March 26, 1954	87
Quimby, Edwin N.	February 14, 1954	86
Robie, Thomas	May 6, 1954	75
Reed, Ora J.	June 7, 1954	87
Tasker, Arthur W.	February 27, 1954	75
Young, Frederick	February 12, 1954	87

INMATES AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME 1954

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Akerson, Rodney	76	Meredith	52	1
Bennett, Ruth	64	Meredith	34	2
Braham, Colin	15	Tilton		4
Brown, Willie	58	Tilton	52	1
Clark, Irlene	40	Meredith	52	1
Cole, Eliza	67	Sanbornton	14	
Currier, James L.	44	Laconia	52	1
Faford, Joe	67	Laconia	52	1
Herbert, Leroy	61	Laconia	30	1
Hill, Forest	63	Laconia	52	1
Johnson, Mabel	63	Meredith	52	1
LaFrance, Joseph	67	Belmont	3	2
Lamontagne, Wilfred	53	Laconia	31	1
Lovering, Grace M.	64	Gilford	22	5
Newman, Harold D.	67	Laconia	22	4
Rock, Mabel	56	Laconia	1	2
Smith, Edith	13	Manchester		5
St. Peter, Ada	61	Laconia	30	3
Valois, Charles	60	Laconia	25	2

**PRIVATE BOARDERS (O.A.A. INCLUDED) AT
BELKNAP COUNTY HOME AND
INFIRMARY FOR YEAR 1954**

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Atwood, William H.	85	Lakeport	52	1
Baker, John M.	89	Lakeport	48	6
Bearce, Luella	82	Belmont	32	2
Billings, Fred F.	75	Sanbornton	49	3
Bowen, Ernest T.	70	Belmont	1	1
Brown, George B.	62	Tilton	4	3
Bunnell, Ray	46	Laconia	15	1
Burris, Charles	66	Laconia	47	4
Butterfield, Mary L.	85	Belmont	25	6
Coe, Fredrick S.	79	Center Harbor	4	5
Collard, Peter	83	Meredith	52	1
Copp, Shirley	54	Meredith	43	1
Cowing, William E.	65	Laconia	16	5
Craig, Anna	83	Lakeport	18	4
Daoust, Bella	58	Laconia	13	
Davie, Eva	60	Tilton	52	1
DeBlois, Alice	79	Laconia	14	2
Dodge, Ella S.	93	Laconia	6	5
Farrar, Charles B.	74	Laconia	52	1
Fogg, Florence	55	Laconia	52	1
Ford, Leon C.	61	Ctr. Harbor	28	6
Fraser, George	82	Belmont		1
Gordon, Ellie M.	89	Laconia	14	
Greaves, Eleanor	82	Lakeport	39	6
Greenleaf, Wilbur	92	Belmont		1
Guy, Walter	70	Gilmanton	52	1
Hale, Thomas N.	78	Laconia		2
Hanlon, Henry	76	West Thornton	29	6
Hardy, Bernard J.	74	Lakeport	48	6
Heinzerling, Arthur F.	51	Laconia	19	3
Herbert, Leroy	61	Laconia	21	6
Higgins, Milo	82	Sanbornton	52	1
Jacobs, Maud E.	65	Franklin	9	2
Jacques, Louis	82	Laconia	3	1
Kelly, Myra L.	71	Weirs	11	4
King, Lionel	51	Laconia	12	5
Kirk, Frank N.	73	Laconia		2
Knowles, Angie	91	Northfield	34	5
LaFlamme, Joe	66	Laconia	52	1
Landry, Alcide	76	Laconia	6	4

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Lamprey, Ernest	68	Laconia	52	1
Lessard, Thomas J.	73	Belmont	14	3
McLellan, Eva M.	55	Laconia	52	1
McIntire, Lillian	82	Laconia	52	1
Mills, Leonard	79	Plymouth	2	
Minor, Edward F.	69	Tilton	10	6
Moore, John H.	75	Laconia	52	1
Morin, Edward P.	72	Laconia	23	3
Moulton, Bernice M.	55	Tilton	6	3
Nadeau, Napoleon	83	Laconia	49	2
Patten, Bernice	53	Concord	15	3
Plummer, Maud	56	Laconia		4
Puffinburger, Henry D.	93	Laconia	52	1
Quimby, Elizabeth F.	87	Laconia	9	4
Quimby, Edwin N.	86	Laconia	3	
Robie, Thomas	75	Sanbornton	18	
Reed, Margaret C.	86	Laconia	8	2
Reed, Ora J.	87	Laconia	6	3
Sanborn, Mary E.	90	Center Harbor	2	3
Sanborn, Myrtie	84	Laconia	52	1
Saul, Harold	58	Laconia	15	6
Sayward, Mary J.	79	Laconia	36	1
Sinclair, Ada L.	88	Meredith	52	1
Smith, Edna M.	68	Gilford	36	
Stevens, Ethel W.	79	Laconia	37	6
St. Peter, Ada	61	Laconia	21	4
Stokes, Stephen M.	4	Laconia	52	1
Stone, John N.	74	Sanbornton	8	1
Tasker, Arthur W.	75	Gilmanton	8	3
Wallace, George W.	74	Laconia	22	3
Wood, Joe	67	Laconia	6	3
Young, Carrie B.	87	Laconia	52	1
Young, Frederick	87	Laconia	6	1
Twombly, Clarence	62	Laconia		4

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL 1954

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Bacon, Walter	35	1	2
Brooks, Glen P.	39		1
Beaudet, Norman J.			1
Cartier, Robert A.	21	1	6
Dickinson, Robert	26		2
Desautell, Robert C.	20		5
Desotell, William	24		2
Drouin, Robert L.	25	4	1
Dubois, Evelyn	20		1
Durgin, Fred J.	47		2
Emerson, Harold B.	48		1
Gray, Robert L.	26	4	5
Heath, Starlin	32		3
Hickey, Albert	30		2
Hurd, Robert	22		1
Jenot, Horace	46	6	2
Kimball, Clyde	55	1	
Kortez, Douglas	32	13	5
LaPerle, Andrew F.	22	2	1
Leno, Harold G.	34		1
Manning, Thomas J.	26	3	4
Morin, Albert	21	1	6
Noyes, Hilton F.	27		1
O'Loughlin, William J.	47	4	1
Perkins, Richard	28		1
Prince, Harold L.	44	8	3
Ryan, James L.	32	1	6
Smith, Ernest	69	10	4
Thompson, George	35	2	1
Thompson, Henry A.	28		4
Vallier, George	21	1	6
White, Franklin	43		1
Wood, Donald E.	23	2	6
Dempsey, Joseph R.	22		4
Devine, John	31	3	4

**BELKNAP MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA
REPORT — 1954**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

It is a pleasure and most gratifying to report to the Belknap County Commissioners and to the people of Belknap County that the year ending December 31, 1954 is now showing the results of the long range program set out by the management with the cooperation and advice of the Belknap Area Ski Advisory Board of which James Rogers is Chairman. While the poor Winter gave us a smaller gross business than 1953, a total of \$80,845.23, the profit side showed a net of \$3,839.61 in cash with the NEW dam, which broke during the Spring floods, being paid out of the 1954 profits or another \$4,500.00. A new pick up truck allocated by our budget was also paid in full during 1954 giving us a good sound \$10,000.00 paper profit. Many improvements continued to be carried on including more picnic grounds, tables, fireplace for summer. The skiers will be very happy with the new \$50,000.00 "T" Bar installed during the year which has a capacity of 1,000 skiers per hour against the chair lift which only carries 240 per hour with no stops. To fill out the ski trails, a new Expert trail called the RED HAT was laid out, bulldozed, and seeded. This new trail should bring many more skiers to the Area that otherwise might go further North. The grass on RED HAT was high enough that neither hurricane did much damage. For the assistance given us by Bob Johnson of the Soil Conservation Bureau, we are indeed grateful, for in our judgment and that of many of the skiers, this trail is one of the smoothest and finest in New Hampshire. The second section of Fletcher Hale was bulldozed and we have had several competition events staged here this Winter with a small amount of snow. This would have been impossible last season.

Our Summer season showed an increase, in spite of the rain that we had, and we believe our advertising program is paying off. World wide publicity has come to Belknap County through the National Motorcycle Gypsy Tour and Road Race, and the Laconia Chamber of Commerce estimated that over \$250,000.00 of vacation money was left in this region by the motorcycle fraternity. Again our thanks to the Laconia, Weirs, and Winnisquam groups who raised over \$3,000.00 to bring this National group of 20,000 sport fans to this Lakes Region. The motorcycle dealer groups again ran the benefit race for the Laconia Hospital New Equipment Fund, and Bill Schietinger, the Chairman,

turned over to the hospital \$1,000.00 making a total of over \$6,000.00 raised by the motorcycle group for the Laconia hospital. This group will again favor us by returning on June 13th to the 19th.

The New York Symphony Orchestra brought again to Belknap by the Chamber of Commerce found larger groups of music lovers being entertained in the lovely Recreation building at the Area.

The local hotels and cabin owners again coordinated their advertising with the Area and a fund of over \$1,000.00 was underwritten by this group to publicize the Winter Sports.

We wish at this time to thank our Ski Advisory Board, the Belknap Ski Patrol, the County delegation, the various committees set up by both the Weirs Beach and the Laconia Chambers of Commerce who have so generously given their time to promote the Belknap Sports along with their brochures and news releases.

The small amount of snow that we had in January 1955 and the crowds that skied here shows us all that the program we have tried to bring along is on the right track, as we grossed over \$20,000.00 with less than 4 inches of snow during January.

With the Constam T Bar and a chair lift we at Belknap are very proud of the newspaper stories that list Belknap as the outstanding "Spot for Sports" nearest to the Metropolitan Boston market. Our thanks to all our Newspaper, Radio, Television, and photographer friends who have given Belknap many thousands of dollars worth of FREE publicity and for this, the man in the RED HAT is very humble and grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZIE BAER, Director
Belknap Mountain Recreation Area

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
BELKNAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

ACCOUNT OF HARRY E. TRAPP, CLERK**January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954****Charges Against County:**

1	Fees Chargeable to County, Mittimus, Capias, etc.	\$19.00	
	Commitments	1.00	
	Probation Certificates	3.00	
	Divorce Records	6.00	
	37 State Entries @ 30c	11.10	
2	Permanent Records		
3	Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	8,100.00	
	Total Charges		\$8,140.10

Credits to County:

1	375 Entries @ 90c (Civil, Equities & Appeals)	\$337.50	
2	Fines and Costs		
3	Sale of Dockets	86.00	
4	Miscellaneous Credits to County		
5	Fees Chargeable to County	40.10	
6	Clerk's Allowance and Clerical Hire Paid	7,676.50	
	Total Credits		\$8,140.10

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

County Commissioners
Belknap County

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to law, I hereby tender my second yearly report as County Solicitor.

One civil case was entered against Belknap County during 1954 and involved a person injured at the Belknap Recreation Area. As liability insurance is carried for such an event, the insurance company was notified and will defend.

A number of felony cases were disposed of, all by plea, and except where indicted by Grand Jury rather than bound over for Grand Jury by a municipal Court, were disposed of by waiver of indictment. Twenty felony cases arose out of the activities of six inmates of the House of Correction. Following this incident your solicitor made an extensive investigation throughout which he was greatly assisted by the sheriff and his department. A report of this investigation has been prepared for the Superior Court and I am therefore not at liberty to discuss the matter here. Two of the felony cases involved second degree manslaughter and one of these came about as the result of faulty operation of an outboard motorboat. Only two cases of this nature are to be found in reported cases in the United States so that your solicitor had to make a very complete search of the law on the case. Your solicitor feels that greater attention should be paid to boat safety which is a problem for the legislature and the Public Utilities Commission and not one for County Government. During 1954 breaking and entering continued the major criminal problem in the felony class and offenses arising out of the operation of motor vehicles the major problem at the municipal court level.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS P. CHENEY,
County Solicitor

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

March Term

Homer Crockett	
54 days attendance and expenses	\$597.60
George Gault	
1 day attendance and expenses	13.00
Rodney Crockett	
28 days attendance and expenses	346.70
Lou Athanas	
27 days attendance and expenses	275.40

October Term

Homer Crockett	
67 days attendance and expenses	\$764.60
George Gault	
6 days attendance and expenses	64.00
Chester Bickford	
10 days attendance and expenses	116.80
Rodney Crockett	
41 days attendance and expenses	504.00
Lou Athanas	
34 days attendance and expenses	377.20

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER CROCKETT,
Sheriff

REPORT OF CHAPLAINS
BELKNAP COUNTY HOME, ON WORK FOR YEAR 1954

During the past year religious services have been conducted at the Belknap County Home on the first Sunday of each month (with one exception, on the second Sunday). The practice has been to make regular visits at the Home in addition to Sundays.

Especial attention is given to those in the infirmary, to the bed-ridden and those confined to their rooms. Effort is made to give spiritual help to all. Usually twenty to thirty or more contacts are made on each of these visits.

It is the conviction of the Chaplain that such a ministry is a vitally important one and he would commend those who make it possible.

It is the further conviction of the Chaplain that a very fine service, sympathetic, understanding and efficient, is being rendered by Superintendent and Mrs. Pickard and their staff and all who in any way contribute to the work of the Belknap County Home. By their constant cooperation they aid in this work.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS J. CATE,
Chaplain

February 10, 1955

Belknap County Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit to you our first report concerning our activities as Catholic Chaplain at the Belknap County Farm and Jail for the year ending December 31, 1954.

First, we wish to congratulate the persons responsible for having a Catholic Chaplain officially appointed to the staff of the Belknap County Home. We had been caring freely in the past years to the aged and the sick at the Home but now with this appointment we feel there is a closer bond uniting all those working for the welfare of these good persons at the Home and Jail. Greater spiritual results will necessarily come of it.

Since we have assumed the responsibilities of all Catholics at the Home, we have, as agreed upon, offered mass for them at the Home once a month. We have administered the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion to all those who so

wished to benefit by them and as often as they so desired. The old and the sick have been consoled by the reception of the sacrament of Extreme Unction. At all religious services a spiritual talk is given to all persons present. Those unable to attend on account of physical handicaps are visited in their own rooms. During the month, other visits are made to those who need more spiritual guidance and care whether they be confined at the Home or in the Jail.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Superintendent Mr. John Pickard and his wife Matron Mrs. Ina Pickard. Their kind cooperation and consideration make our work so much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON,
Catholic Chaplain

REPORT OF BELKNAP COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

To the Citizens of Belknep County:

Each year the County Budget includes an appropriation for the Extension Service. These funds are used to maintain a system of educational Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics including 4-H work with boys and girls and Forestry.

The County Farm Bureau and the University of New Hampshire are jointly responsible for the administration of county appropriated funds, and of State and Federal Funds which also contribute to the support of County Extension Service work.

The Belknep County Extension Service staff includes an Agricultural Agent, a 4-H Club Agent, a Home Demonstration Agent and a part-time County Forester shared equally with Strafford County. The secretarial and clerical work is accomplished by one full time secretary and a part-time clerk. The services of the Extension Agents are available to anyone whether from city, suburban, or rural areas.

Extension's newer concept is to assist families to do a better job of decision-making so that they will better evaluate and better utilize their land, buildings, investments and working abilities to meet short and long-time family goals. Therefore, the detailed individual projects and activities are media through which Extension helps people help themselves.

Complete narrative reports are on file with the County Delegation and at the Belknep County Extension Service office for your reference.

All details of such programs are far too numerous to include here, however, there follows some data with reference to each line of work.

HORACE C. BALLARD,
County Agricultural Agent and County Coordinator

COUNTY AGENT WORK

This line of work largely concerns educational work with farm families having business enterprises including dairying, poultry, fruit, vegetable and livestock production. For a diminishing number of farm people to produce increasing amounts of food and fibre to keep pace with population trends requires farm people to utilize the latest information available from research and practical application. This transfer of information is accomplished by personal contact, group meetings, letters, news, radio, etc.

Increasing work is being carried in the field of marketing by working closely with retailers who deliver most farm goods into the hands of the consumer. Aims here are to minimize inefficiency of handling; decrease food spoilage and waste; have quality fresh foods available to consumers at reasonable cost. Our Home Demonstration Agent has assisted tremendously on the consumer-information aspect of this problem.

Other details in the Agents Annual Report include Crops Production; Dairy Terd Improvement; Rodent Control; Blueberries; Agricultural Engineering; Young Men and Women; work with Other Agencies; Professional Improvement and others.

BELKNAP COUNTY EXTENSION FORESTER — 1954

Recent U. S. Forest Service surveys show that there are 207,000 acres of forest land in Belknap County. This represents 81% of the total land area of the county. The county is faced with the problem of getting forest practices going so that each acre of woodland will yield a continuous crop of high quality forest products, and to correlate the annual timber drain by local wood-using industries with the annual growth of timber on the forest lands. The county forestry program is aimed at assisting and guiding the landowners and forest timber operators in achieving this goal.

Requests for services in the county has shown an increase of 229.% from 1952 to 1954. Apparently woodland owners are becoming acquainted with the services offered under the County Forestry Program.

The publicity given the County Forestry Program through lectures, radio and television broadcasts, newspaper articles and from people who participated in the program seems to have been quite effective, as indicated by the increase in requests for the services of the County Forester.

The forest operators have shown a great interest in county forestry program and apparently regard it as one which is beneficial to them.

At the present time, one forester covers both Belknap and Strafford counties, and divides his time equally between the two counties.

During 1954, 1,551,000 board feet of timber was marked and harvested under good forestry practices in Belknap and Strafford counties. This was a slight increase over that selectively harvested in 1953 despite a general decrease in the overall timber cut in the two counties over the same period of time.

During the past year there has been a marked increase in the work done to improve young forest stands in the county. This is a very important phase of the county forestry program and more publicity should bring out the value to landowners and to the county for improving immature forest stands.

Signed ROGER LEIGHTON,

County Forester

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

The program of work carried on by Home Demonstration women in Belknap County is one which they choose themselves at a Program Planning Meeting.

In **Nutrition** they wanted more help with Time Saving ideas in meal planning, and preparation of low cost meals. Included in this was the Master Mix which was also used as an exhibit at Plymouth Fair, where 1,713 visited our building and saw the Mix made and used. The subject was also a TV show over WMUR-TV, and as a result over 1,000 requests were received for the bulletin.

During the two hurricanes, women used helps from the Outdoor Cookery Project, which they had the year previous when their all electric kitchens were heatless.

Through the nutrition projects 2,518 families were assisted in foods and nutrition by 14,107 contacts made either individually or through meetings.

Believing that **Health** is everybody's responsibility, all Home Demonstration groups cooperated with the New Hampshire Cancer Society by making 5,044 dressings and 89 johnnies to be used by cancer patients in the county.

Acting as Chairmen of Canteen for the Laconia Red Cross, Agent supervised eight Blood Banks during the year — training a fine group of women in serving during mass feeding projects — in team work to meet any disaster.

Clothing — 159 women reported that they had made better use of their money by making a wardrobe plan, considering the clothes they had on hand, their own needs and wants and then buying by a pre-determined wardrobe plan.

Tailoring was done in four groups with an estimated savings of between \$700 and \$800.

Home Management — Chair re-seating and upholstering have been done in the groups with a very conservative estimated saving of between \$500 and \$600.

Kitchen remodeling help was given to twenty-seven women requesting it, with a kitchen so arranged that both time and energy were saved so that the homemaker had more time to give to her family's needs.

A mass feeding training school was conducted, cooperating with the State Civil Defense Program, to help our people meet any emergency.

Three letters go monthly to 1,617 women in the county, giving help to our homemakers, our mothers and our teenagers.

Home Demonstration Work in Belknap County is growing with a club membership of 463 women.

MRS. HARRIET CLARK TURNQUIST

BELKNAP COUNTY 4-H YOUTH EXTENSION — 1954

General Summary of the 4-H Youth Extension Program

Highlights

Fifteen men, thirty women, eight older boys and thirteen older girls served as local leaders and helped to promote the 4-H Youth Extension Program throughout Belknap County. There were 19 organized 4-H Clubs and with individual members, there were 149 boys and 161 girls or a total of 310 boys and girls who participated in the program out of approximately 365 boys and girls who applied for membership in the program, 84.9% of the members enrolled reported work accomplished. Six hundred eighty-one projects were started and reports were received from 91.9% of them. There were clubs organized in every town in the County with the exception of Alton.

Forty members received training in judging, 45 members gave public demonstrations; 35 were trained as group recreation leaders, 10 increased their music appreciation, 75 participated in farm and home safety, 20 received citizenship training, 20 received help for personality improvement, 26 participated in a forestry program and 89 members received training in health, nursing or first aid as a result of the 4-H program in Belknap County.

One hundred forty-two members were from farm homes, 157 were from rural non-farm homes and 66 members were from urban homes.

Senior members entered State and National Contests and 36 County Awards were given.

Forty-five members attended County 4-H Camp with Carroll and Sullivan Counties for a one or two-week period.

Trips were taken by club members including trips to the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts; Teen Tour to Manchester; State Youth Institute at Durham and one in Laconia; Tours of farms and local manufacturing plants and other places of business; a trip to Concord.

Sixteen members took part in the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest. Nineteen took part in the County Dress Revue and four in the State Dress Revue. Two members entered in the State Livestock and Dairy Show.

4-H members in Belknap County gained a better understanding of their responsibilities in today's world.

Clubs contributed to the International Farm Youth Exchange Program in New Hampshire and helped sponsor the program.

They correspond with boys and girls in foreign lands.

They participated in various citizenship programs and activities.

Staff

The Belknap County Farm Bureau and Belknap County 4-H Advisory Council advises the Club Agent about the program. The Belknap County 4-H Leaders' Federation and the Belknap County Junior Leaders' Association assist in planning and promoting the Program.

One Club Agent supervises all the 4-H Youth Extension work in Belknap County. In 1954, the Agents' activities included spending 139 days in the office and 119½ days and 120 evenings in the field, making 322 farm and home visits. There were 775 office and telephone calls during the year. Forty-six news stories were prepared and the Agent participated in radio programs. The Agent travelled 5,813 miles.

The Club Agent served on the State committees on the Older Youth Committee, Youth Extension Committee, Poultry Committee and Dairy Committee.

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